

Scouting Week 1 of Illinois Prep Football

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Hyde Park at Marian Catholic

When: 7:30 p.m. today

The breakdown: The Jerry Verde era begins as the 1995 Marian grad returns after building Crete-Monee into a power and winning the 2012 Class 6A state title. Marian was 1-8 last year, while Hyde Park was 6-3. Ki-Jana Crawford is a powerful threat as a runner, receiver and kick returner. With new uniforms, a new logo and new coach, the Spartans are pumped, but the Thunderbirds will give them a game. -- Mike Nieto